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2 U.S. PASTORS ON TRIAL FOR SPYING IN CUBA

Among 34 Castro Calls CIA Agents

HAVANA, Cuba, May 14 (UPI)

—The Cuban government today asked for jail terms of from nine to 30 years for 34 Baptist missionaries and laymen, including two Americans. All are charged with being United States spies.

A 30-year term was asked for the Rev. Herbert Caudill, 61, of Clinchport, Va., who headed the 9,000-member Western Cuban Baptist convention, and who has been in the island for 35 years.

Wives with Husbands

The prosecution asked 18 years imprisonment for the Rev. James David Fite, 31, of Fort Worth, Tex., Caudill's son-in-law. The wives of both men are still in Cuba.

Alto 53 Baptists originally were rounded up in April and accused by Premier Fidel Castro of being "Bible-packing central intelligence agency men," only 34 were on trial. It was assumed the government had released the others.

The prosecution asked 30-year terms for 7 of the defendants, 18 years for 23, and 9 years for 4.

A crowd of 300 relatives and friends were present for the start of the trial in Cabana fortress, across the bay from Havana. Those present included the Swiss ambassador—Switzerland represents United States interests in Cuba—and a Swiss embassy attache.

Caudill Denies Charges

Caudill denied charges he "oriented" his following to gather military and economic information. He denied he ever sent such information to the United States.

Caudill said he probably picked up such information in casual talks, but he denied it was for espionage purposes. He admitted having engaged in outlawed foreign exchange

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